# WILD MULTIDEGREES OF THE FORM $(d, d_2, d_3)$ FOR GIVEN d GREATHER THAN OR EQUAL TO 3

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ABSTRACT. Let d be any number greather than or equal to 3. We show that the intersection of the set mdeg (Aut ( $\mathbb{C}^3$ ))\mdext{mdeg (Tame ( $\mathbb{C}^3$ )) with  $\{(d_1,d_2,d_3)\in(\mathbb{N}_+)^3:d=d_1\leq d_2\leq d_3\}$  has infinitely many elements, where mdeg  $h=(\deg h_1,\ldots,\deg h_n)$  denotes the multidegree of a polynomial mapping  $h=(h_1,\ldots,h_n):\mathbb{C}^n\to\mathbb{C}^n$ . In other words, we show that there is infiniltely many wild multidegrees of the form  $(d,d_2,d_3)$ , with fixed  $d\geq 3$  and  $d\leq d_2\leq d_3$ , where a sequences  $(d_1,\ldots,d_n)\in\mathbb{N}^n$  is a wild multidegree if there is a polynomial automorphism F of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with mdeg  $F=(d_1,\ldots,d_n)$ , and there is no tame autmorphim of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with the same multidegree.

### 1. Introduction

In the following we will write  $\operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  for the group of the all polynomial automorphisms of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $\operatorname{Tame}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  for the subgroup of  $\operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  containing all the tame automorphisms. Let us recall that a polynomial automorphism F is called tame if F can be expressed as a composition of linear and triangular automorphisms, where  $G = (G_1, \ldots, G_n) \in \operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  is called tinear if  $\deg G_i = 1$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ , and  $H = (H_1, \ldots, H_n) \in \operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  is called tinear if for some permutation  $\sigma$  of  $\{1, \ldots, n\}$  we have  $H_{\sigma(i)} - c_i \cdot x_{\sigma(i)}$  belongs to  $\mathbb{C}[x_{\sigma(1)}, \ldots, x_{\sigma(i-1)}]$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, n$  and some  $c_i \in \mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . Here  $\deg h$  denotes the total degree of a polynomial  $h \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ .

Let  $F = (f_1, \ldots, f_3) \in \operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ . By multidegree of F we mean the sequence  $\operatorname{mdeg} F = (\operatorname{deg} f_1, \ldots, \operatorname{deg} f_n)$ . One can consider the function (also denoted mdeg) mapping  $\operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  into  $\mathbb{N}^n_+ = (\mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\})^n$ . It is well-known [1, 2] that

(1) 
$$\operatorname{mdeg}(\operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{C}^2)) = \operatorname{mdeg}(\operatorname{Tame}(\mathbb{C}^2)) = \{(d_1, d_2) \in \mathbb{N}^2_{\perp} : d_1 | d_2 \text{ or } d_2 | d_1\},$$

but in the higher dimension (even for n=3) the situation is much more complicated and the question about the sets mdeg (Aut ( $\mathbb{C}^n$ ) and mdeg (Tame ( $\mathbb{C}^n$ )) is still not well recognized. The very first results [4] about the sets mdeg (Tame ( $\mathbb{C}^n$ )) for n>2, say that  $(3,4,5)\notin \operatorname{mdeg}(\operatorname{Tame}(\mathbb{C}^3))$  and  $(d_1,\ldots,d_n)\in \operatorname{mdeg}(\operatorname{Tame}(\mathbb{C}^n))$  for all  $d_1\leq d_2\leq\ldots\leq d_n$  with  $d_1\leq n-1$ . Next, in [5] it was proved that for any prime numbers  $p_2>p_1\geq 3$  and  $d_3\geq p_2$ , we have  $(p_1,p_2,d_3)\in \operatorname{mdeg}(\operatorname{Tame}(\mathbb{C}^3))$  if and only if  $d_3\in p_1\mathbb{N}+p_2\mathbb{N}$ . The complete characterization of the set mdeg (Tame ( $\mathbb{C}^3$ ))  $\cap$  { $(3,d_2,d_3):3\leq d_2\leq d_3$ } was given in [6]. The result says that  $(3,d_2,d_3)$ , with  $3\leq d_2\leq d_3$ , belongs to mdeg (Tame ( $\mathbb{C}^3$ )) if and only if  $3|d_2$  or  $d_3\in 3\mathbb{N}+d_2\mathbb{N}$ . The similar result about the set mdeg (Tame ( $\mathbb{C}^3$ ))  $\cap$  { $(5,d_2,d_3):5\leq d_2\leq d_3$ } and more other results are given in [7].

In the rest of the paper we will work with n=3 and we will write  $\mathbb{C}[x,y,z]$  instead of  $\mathbb{C}[x_1,x_2,x_3]$ . Let

(2) 
$$\mathcal{W} = \operatorname{mdeg}(\operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{C}^3))) \setminus \operatorname{mdeg}(\operatorname{Tame}(\mathbb{C}^3))$$

and

(3) 
$$\mathcal{W}_d = \mathcal{W} \cap \{ (d_1, d_2, d_3) \in \mathbb{N}^3_+ : d = d_1 \le d_2 \le d_3 \}.$$

Note that for the famous Nagata automorphism

$$(4) N: \mathbb{C}^3 \ni \left\{ \begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ z \end{array} \right\} \mapsto \left\{ \begin{array}{c} x - 2y(y^2 + zx) - z(y^2 + zx)^2 \\ y + z(y^2 + zx) \\ z \end{array} \right\} \in \mathbb{C}^3,$$

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which is known to be wild automorphism, i.e.  $N \notin \text{Tame}(\mathbb{C}^3)$ , we have  $\text{mdeg } N = (5,3,1) \in \text{mdeg}(\text{Tame}(\mathbb{C}^3))$ . Thus, mdeg N is not an element of W (in other words, mdeg N is not a wild multidegree). Besides of this the autors proved that the set W is not empty, and even more that this set is infinite [8]. Now we show the following refinement of that result:

**Theorem 1.1.** Let d > 2 be any number. The set

$$\mathcal{W}_d = \left[ mdeg(Aut(\mathbb{C}^3)) \backslash mdeg(Tame(\mathbb{C}^3)) \right] \cap \left\{ (d_1, d_2, d_3) \in (\mathbb{N}_+)^3 : d = d_1 \leq d_2 \leq d_3 \right\}$$
 is infinite.

The proof of the theorem will be given separetly for odd numbers  $d \geq 3$  (section 2), even numbers d > 4 (section 3) and finally for d = 4 (section 4).

Note also the following remarks:

**Remark 1.2.** The sets  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are empty, i.e. if  $d \in \{1,2\}$  then for every  $d_2, d_3 \in \mathbb{N}_+$  such that  $d \leq d_2 \leq d_3$  one can show a tame automorphism F of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  satisfying  $m \deg F = (d, d_2, d_3)$ .

For d=1 one can take  $F(x,y,z)=(x,y+x^{d_2},z+x^{d_3})$ , while for d=2 one can use [7, Cor. 3.3] or [4, Cor. 2.3].

**Remark 1.3.** Let  $d \le e$  and define  $W_{d,e} = \{(d_1, d_2, d_3) \in \mathbb{N}_+^3 : d = d_1, e = d_2 \le d_3\}$ . Then the set  $W_{d,e}$ is finite.

The proof of the above result can be found in [11] or [7, Thm. 8.1].

2. The case of odd number d

2.1. Elements of mdeg (Aut ( $\mathbb{C}^3$ )). In this section we show the following two lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $r, k \in \mathbb{N}_+$ . If  $r \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then

(5) 
$$(r, r+2k, r+4k) \in mdeg(Aut(\mathbb{C}^3)).$$

**Proof.** Since  $r \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , we have r = 4l + 1 for some  $l \in \mathbb{N}_+$ . Let

(6) 
$$F = (T \circ N_k) \circ (T \circ N_l),$$

where T(x, y, z) = (z, y, x) and for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ 

(7) 
$$N_m: \mathbb{C}^3 \ni \left\{ \begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ z \end{array} \right\} \mapsto \left\{ \begin{array}{c} x - 2y(y^2 + zx)^m - z(y^2 + zx)^{2m} \\ y + z(y^2 + zx)^m \\ z \end{array} \right\} \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

One can see that mdeg  $(T \circ N_l) = (1, 1+2l, 1+4l)$ . Moreover, if we put  $(f, g, h) := T \circ N_l$ , then  $g^2 + fh =$  $Y^2 + ZX$ . Thus

$$F = (T \circ N_k) \circ (f, g, h)$$
  
=  $(h, g + h(Y^2 + ZX)^k, f - 2g(Y^2 + ZX)^k - h(Y^2 + ZX)^{2k}).$ 

Since  $\deg h > \max \{\deg f, \deg g\}$ , one can see that

(8) 
$$\operatorname{mdeg} F = (4l+1, (4l+1) + 2k, (4l+1) + 4k).$$

**Lemma 2.2.** For every  $r, k \in \mathbb{N}_+$ , we have

(9) 
$$(r, r + k(r+1), r + 2k(r+1)) \in mdeg(Aut(\mathbb{C}^3)).$$

**Proof.** Assume that r > 1. Let

$$(10) (f, g, h) = (X, Y, Z + X^r)$$

and put

(11) 
$$F = (T \circ N_k) \circ (f, g, h).$$

Since

(12) 
$$F = (h, g + h(g^2 + fh)^k, f - 2g(g^2 + fh)^k - z(g^2 + fh)^{2k})$$

and deg  $h = r > \max \{ \deg f, \deg g \}$ , one can see that deg  $(g^2 + fh) = r + 1$  and so

(13) 
$$mdeg F = (r, r + k(r+1), r + 2k(r+1)).$$

If r = 1, then one can take  $F = T \circ N_k$ .  $\square$ 

2.2. Elements outside mdeg (Tame ( $\mathbb{C}^3$ )). In this section we show the following two lemmas.

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $r, k \in \mathbb{N}_+$ . If r > 1 is odd and gcd(r, k) = 1, then

$$(14) (r, r+2k, r+4k) \notin mdeg(Tame(\mathbb{C}^3)).$$

**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $r, k \in \mathbb{N}_+$ . If r > 1 is odd and  $\gcd(r, k) = 1$ , then

$$(r, r + k(r+1), r + 2k(r+1)) \notin mdeg(Tame(\mathbb{C}^3)).$$

In the proofs of the above lemmas we will use the following

**Theorem 2.5** ([8], Thm. 2.1). Let  $d_3 \geq d_2 > d_1 \geq 3$  be positive integers. If  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  are odd numbers such that  $gcd(d_1, d_2) = 1$ , then  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) \in mdeg(Tame(\mathbb{C}^3))$  if and only if  $d_3 \in d_1\mathbb{N} + d_2\mathbb{N}$ , i.e. if and only if  $d_3$  is a linear combination of  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

**Proof of Lemma 2.3.** Note that the numbers r and r + 2k are odd. Moreover,

$$\gcd(r, r+2k) = \gcd(r, 2k),$$

and since r is odd,

$$\gcd(r, 2k) = \gcd(r, k) = 1.$$

Assume that  $r + 4k \in r\mathbb{N} + (r + 2k)\mathbb{N}$ . Since 2(r + 2k) > r + 4k and  $r \nmid (r + 4k)$ , we have

$$(18) r + 4k = r + 2k + mr,$$

for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . By (22), 2k = mr. Since r is odd, the last equality means that r|k, a contradiction. Thus  $r + 4k \notin r\mathbb{N} + (r + 2k)\mathbb{N}$ , and by Theorem 2.5 we obtain a thesis.  $\square$ 

**Proof of Lemma 2.4.** Since r + 1 is even, it follows that the numbers r and r + k(r + 1) are odd. Moreover,

(19) 
$$\gcd(r, r + k(r+1)) = \gcd(r, k(r+1)),$$

and since gcd(r, k) = 1,

(20) 
$$\gcd(r, k(r+1)) = \gcd(r, r+1) = \gcd(r, 1) = 1.$$

Similarily

(21) 
$$\gcd(r, r + 2k(r+1)) = \gcd(r, 2k(r+1)) = \gcd(r, r+1) = 1.$$

In particular  $r \nmid r + 2k(r+1)$ .

Assume that  $r+2k(r+1) \in r\mathbb{N}+(r+k(r+1))\mathbb{N}$ . Since 2(r+k(r+1)) > r+2k(r+1) and  $r \nmid r+2k(r+1)$ , we have

(22) 
$$r + 2k(r+1) = r + k(r+1) + mr,$$

for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . By (22), k(r+1) = mr. Since  $\gcd(r,k) = 1$ , the last equality means that r|r+1, a contradiction. Thus  $r+2k(r+1) \notin r\mathbb{N} + (r+k(r+1))\mathbb{N}$ , and by Theorem 2.5 we obtain a thesis.  $\square$ 

2.3. **Proof of the theorem in the case of odd** d. Take any odd number d > 1. If  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then by Lemmas 2.1 and 2.3 we have

$$(23) \qquad \{(d, d+2k, d+4k) : \gcd(d, k) = 1\} \subset \operatorname{mdeg}(\operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{C}^3)) \backslash \operatorname{mdeg}(\operatorname{Tame}(\mathbb{C}^3)).$$

If  $d \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then by Lemmas 2.2 and 2.4 we have

$$\{(d, d + k(d+1), d + 2k(d+1)) : \gcd(d, k) = 1\}$$

$$\subset \operatorname{mdeg}(\operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{C}^3)) \backslash \operatorname{mdeg}(\operatorname{Tame}(\mathbb{C}^3)).$$

Since the set  $\{k \in \mathbb{N}_+ : \gcd(d, k) = 1\}$  is infinite, the result follows.

3. The case of even number d>4

3.1. **Preparatory calculations.** Fix even number d > 4 and take  $k \in \mathbb{N}_+$  such that gcd(d, k) = 1. Consider the automorphisms of  $\mathbb{C}^3$ :

(24) 
$$H_d(x, y, z) = (x, y, z + x^d)$$

and  $N_k$  defined as in (7). Note that  $N_k = \exp(D \cdot \sigma^k)$ , where  $D = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - 2y \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  and  $\sigma = y^2 + xz$ . One can easily check that D is locally nilpotent derivation on  $\mathbb{C}[x,y,z]$  and  $\sigma \in \ker D$ , so  $\sigma^k \cdot D$  is also locally nilpotent. We will consider automorphisms  $F_{d,k}$  of the form:

$$(25) F_{d,k} = T \circ N_k \circ H_d$$

where T is defined as in the proof of Lemma 2.1. An easy calculation shows (even for d=4) that

(26) 
$$\operatorname{mdeg} F_{d,k} = (d, d + k(d+1), d + 2k(d+1))$$

and writing  $d_1 = d$ ,  $d_2 = d + k(d+1)$  and  $d_3 = d + 2k(d+1)$  gives

(27) 
$$\gcd(d_1, d_2) = \gcd(d, d + k(d+1)) = \gcd(d, k) = 1$$

(28) 
$$\gcd(d_2, d_3) = \gcd(d + k(d+1), d + 2k(d+1)) = \gcd(d + k(d+1), d) = 1$$

and

(29) 
$$\gcd(d_1, d_3) = \gcd(d, d + 2k(d+1)) = \gcd(d, 2k) = \gcd(d, 2k) = 2.$$

We will prove that no tame automorphism of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  has the same multidegree as  $F_{d,k}$ . Suppose to the contrary that  $F = (F_1, F_2, F_3) \in \text{Tame}(\mathbb{C}^3)$  and  $\text{mdeg } F = (d_1, d_2, d_3)$ . As F is not linear, due to the result of Shestakov and Umirbaev [9, 10], F must admit an elementary reduction or a reduction of types I-IV (see e.g. [9, Def. 1-3]).

3.2. **Elementary reductions.** Recall that an elementary reduction on *i*-th coordinate  $F_i$  of F occurs when there exists  $G(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$  such that  $\deg(F_i - G(F_j, F_k)) < \deg F_i$ , where  $\{i, j, k\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . We will use extensively the following

**Proposition 3.1** (see e.g. [7, Prop. 2.7] or [9, Thm.2]). Suppose that  $f, g \in \mathbb{C}[X_1, \ldots, X_n]$  are algebraically independent and such that  $\bar{f} \notin \mathbb{C}[\bar{g}]$  and  $\bar{g} \notin \mathbb{C}[\bar{f}]$  ( $\bar{h}$  denotes the highest homogeneous part of h). Assume that deg  $f < \deg g$ , put

(30) 
$$p = \frac{\deg f}{\gcd(\deg f, \deg g)}$$

and suppose that  $G(x,y) \in \mathbb{C}[x,y]$  with  $\deg_y G(x,y) = pq + r$ ,  $0 \le r < p$ . Then

(31) 
$$\deg G(f,g) \ge q(p \deg g - \deg g - \deg f + \deg[f,g]) + r \deg g$$

Suppose that F admits an elementary reduction on first coordinate, i.e.  $\deg(F_1 - G(F_2, F_3)) < \deg F_1 = d_1$  for some  $G \in \mathbb{C}[x,y]$ . Consequently  $\deg G(F_2,F_3) = d_1$ . By (28), we know that  $p := \frac{d_2}{\gcd(d_2,d_3)} = d_2$ . Thus, from the above proposition applied to  $f = F_2$  and  $g = F_3$  we get

(32) 
$$\deg G(F_2, F_3) \ge q(pd_3 - d_3 - d_2 + \deg[F_2, F_3]) + rd_3 \ge q(d_2 - 1)(d_3 - 1) + rd_3$$

Since  $d_1 < (d_2 - 1)(d_3 - 1)$  and  $d_1 < d_3$  we obtain that q = 0 and r = 0. That is  $\deg_y G(x, y) = 0$  and G(x, y) = u(x). But then  $d_1 = \deg G(F_2, F_3) = \deg u(F_2) = d_2 \cdot \deg u$ , which is a contradiction.

Similarly, suppose that F admits an elementary reduction on third coordinate, i.e.  $\deg(F_3 - G(F_1, F_2)) < \deg F_3 = d_3$  for some  $G \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$ . So  $\deg G(F_1, F_2) = d_3$ . Since  $p := \frac{d_1}{\gcd(d_1, d_2)} = d \ge 3$  by (27), it follows that applying Proposition 3.1 to  $f = F_1$  and  $g = F_2$  we get

(33) 
$$\deg G(F_1, F_2) \ge q(pd_2 - d_2 - d_1 + \deg[F_1, F_2]) + rd_2 \ge q(2k(d+1) + d + 2) + rd_2.$$

Now, since  $d_3 < 2k(d+1) + d + 2$  and  $d_3 < 2d_2$ , we obtain that q = 0 and  $r \in \{0,1\}$ . If r = 0, we get  $\deg_y G(x,y) = 0$  and so G(x,y) = u(x). But then  $d_3 = \deg G(F_1,F_2) = \deg u(F_1) = d_1 \cdot \deg u$ , which is a contradiction because  $\gcd(d_3,d_1) \le 2 < d_1$ . If r = 1, we get G(x,y) = u(x) + yv(x) and so  $d_3 = \deg G(F_1,F_2) = \deg(u(F_1) + F_2v(F_1))$ . Since  $\deg F_1$  and  $\deg F_2$  are coprime,  $\deg(u(F_1) + F_2v(F_1))$  must be equal either to  $d_1 \cdot \deg u$  or to  $d_2 + d_1 \cdot \deg v$ . Consequently,  $d_3 = d_1 \cdot \deg u$  or  $d_3 = d_2 + d_1 \cdot \deg v$ . First case leads to a contradiction since  $\gcd(d_3,d_1) = 2 < d_1$  and second since  $\gcd(d_3 - d_2,d_1) = \gcd(k(d+1),d) = 1 < d_1$ .

Now suppose that F admits an elementary reduction on second coordinate. Then  $\deg(F_2 - G(F_1, F_3)) < \deg F_2 = d_2$  for some  $G \in \mathbb{C}[x,y]$  and so  $\deg G(F_1,F_3) = d_2$ . Let us put  $p = \frac{d_1}{\gcd(d_1,d_3)}$  and apply Proposition 3.1 to  $f = F_1$  and  $g = F_3$ . We will show that  $\deg_y G(x,y) = 0$ . By (29),  $p = \frac{d}{2} \geq 2$  and so

$$\deg G(F_1, F_3) \geq q(pd_3 - d_3 - d_1 + \deg[F_1, F_3]) + rd_3$$

$$\geq q(\frac{d-2}{2}(2k(d+1) + d) - d + 2) + rd_3$$

$$\geq q((d-2)k(d+1) + 2) + rd_3 \geq q(k(d+1) + d + 2) + rd_3$$

Since  $d_2 < k(d+1) + d + 2$  and  $d_2 < d_3$ , we obtain that q = 0 and r = 0 so  $\deg_y G(x, y) = 0$ . Consequently, we get G(x, y) = u(x). But then  $d_2 = \deg G(F_1, F_3) = \deg u(F_1) = d_1 \cdot \deg u$ , which is a contradiction since  $\gcd(d_2, d_1) = 1 < d_1$ .

To summarize: if F is a tame automorphism with multidegree equal to mdeg  $F_{d,k}$ , then F does not admit an elementary reduction.

3.3. Shestakov-Umirbaev reductions. By the previous subsection and the following theorem we only need to check that no autmorphism of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  with multidegree  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (d, d + k(d+1), d + 2k(d+1))$  admits a reduction of type III.

**Theorem 3.2** ([7, Thm. 3.15]). Let  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) \neq (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $d_1 \leq d_2 \leq d_3$ , be a sequence of positive integers. To prove that there is no tame automorphism F of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  with  $mdeg F = (d_1, d_2, d_3)$  it is enough to show that a (hypothetical) automorphism F of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  with  $mdeg F = (d_1, d_2, d_3)$  admits neither a reduction of type III nor an elementary reduction. Moreover, if we additionally assume that  $\frac{d_3}{d_2} = \frac{3}{2}$  or  $3 \nmid d_1$ , then it is enough to show that no (hypothetical) automorphism of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  with multidegree  $(d_1, d_2, d_3)$  admits an elementary reduction. In both cases we can restrict our attention to automorphisms  $F : \mathbb{C}^3 \to \mathbb{C}^3$  such that F(0,0,0) = (0,0,0).

But, since  $d_1$  is even, it follows that  $2 \nmid d_2$  by (27). Hence, no automorphism of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  with multidegree  $(d_1, d_2, d_3)$  admits a reduction of type III by the following remark.

**Remark 3.3** ([7, Rmk. 3.9]). If an automorphism F of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  with  $mdeg F = (d_1, d_2, d_3)$ ,  $1 \le d_1 \le d_2 \le d_3$ , admits a reduction of type III, then

 $(1) \ 2|d_2,$ 

(2)  $3|d_1|$  or  $\frac{d_3}{d_2} = \frac{3}{2}$ .

## 4. The case of d=4

Let us consider the mapping  $F_{4,k}$  defined as in (25) for  $k \in \mathbb{N}_+$  with  $\gcd(4,k) = 1$  (in other words, for odd k). By (27) and (29), we know that  $d_2$  is odd and  $d_3$  is even. Then, since  $d_3 - d_2 = 5k > 1$  and  $\operatorname{mdeg} F_{4,k} = (4,4+5k,4+10k) =: (d_1,d_2,d_3)$  by (26), it follows that the result of Theorem 1.1, for d=4, is a consequence of the following

**Theorem 4.1** ([7, Thm. 6.10]). If  $d_2 \geq 5$  is odd and  $d_3 \geq d_2$  is even such that  $d_3 - d_2 \neq 1$ , then  $(4, d_2, d_3) \in mdeg$  (Tame ( $\mathbb{C}^3$ )) if and only if  $d_3 \in 4\mathbb{N} + d_2\mathbb{N}$ .

In fact, if we assume that  $d_3 \in 4\mathbb{N} + d_2\mathbb{N}$ , then we get  $d_3 = d_2 + 4m$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , since  $2d_2 > d_3$  and  $4 \nmid d_3$ . Hence,  $5k = d_3 - d_2 = 4m$ . Since k is odd, this is a contradiction.

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